

**SECRET** **FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE****TO: SENIOR AIR ATTACHE PARIS***April 15, 1972***DELIVER IMMEDIATELY****TOP SECRET/SENSITIVE/EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY****TO: COLONEL GUAY****FROM: ~~COLONEL KENNEDY~~ GENERAL HAIG****~~DELIVER FOLLOWING TEXT~~**

The U.S. side does not choose to answer the sterile debating points contained in the North Vietnamese message of April 15, 1972.

Since the North Vietnamese side maintains that private talks should be conducted in parallel with public talks, the U.S. side is prepared to state that it will agree to resumption of the Plenary sessions on April 27, 1972 if the North Vietnamese side attends the private meeting that was agreed upon for April 24, 1972.

The U.S. side would be willing to announce publicly its agreement to resumption of the Plenary sessions on April 27, 1972 as soon as the North Vietnamese side indicates through this channel that it will attend the private meeting on April 24, 1972.

State Dept. review completed

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